are designed as rules to govern the church and very properly fall under the definition given of the word discipline.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

O. S. Fowler, the veteran phrenologist, died August 18th, at the age of seventy-four years, at his home in Duchess County, New York. The October number of the Phrenological Journal, published by the Fowler & Wells Company, New York, will contain a portrait and a biographical sketch. It has not been very long since Phrenology came before the learned world as a system of Mental Philosophy. It has fought for every inch of ground that it now occupies, yet its advance has been constant and irresistable. Mr. Fowler has been its chief American exponent since he entered the field about half a century ago.

Send in your matter for the Annual at once. Do not neglect this. You may want a correction made in the ministerial list, a biography inserted or an article of church history printed. Do not forget that you are the ones who can make it valuable. So long as we must do so much gratuitous work for the church, we can not afford the expense of hiring men to hunt up the information that should be put in the Annual. Do not neglect these matters brethren. A postage stamp and a few minutes spent in writing is all that it will cost you.

Bro. Henry Wise, of Virginia, is one of the most energetic workers in our church. He is full of grit, grace and godliness combined with genuine liberality, which will win anywhere.

On the 22 of September, J. A. Stewart, of Wichita, Kansas, was sentenced for violating the Prohibition law. He was given seventeen years in the county jail and fined $20,800 and costs. The sentence paralyzed the liquor crew of Kansas. A few prosecutions like this will drive the wicked business to the wall in Kansas soon and the story that Prohibition does not prohibit will cease to be a hobby with liquor advocates.

Bro. J. D. McFaden writes that he is very busy since the convention, but will send in copy for the paper soon.

The EVANGELIST will be sent the remainder of the year to any address for 25 cents. Please take notice of this and send in a list of new names.

On Thursday evening of the Convention, Bro. S. H. Bashor left for California and before going he pledged California for $50 for the College. He is spending some time in that state in recreation, and will improve the time in soliciting for the College.

On Thursday evening of last week a council meeting was held at the College and Bro. Isaac Kilhefner was chosen to serve the church one year from October 1.

Bro. E. Mason now has the report of the convention ready for the printer, and work will be commenced upon it at once. It will make a pamphlet of considerable size.

Read the message from Ocoya, Ill., this week. It will do you good to read how soon a little flock for Jesus was gathered there.

The brethren at Washington C. H., Ohio, have changed their communion to Oct. 8. Bro. Mason expects to be there.

Bro. L. C. Stifler, of Waterloo, Iowa, expects to make his future home at Sioux City, Iowa.

Married—Mr. John I. Roop and Miss Ida Kurtz, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Williamsport, Dakota, Sept. 15, 1887, by Rev. J. H. Worst. Bro. Roop used to be a citizen of Ashland.

A NOTABLE DOLLAR.—During the enthusiasm on the College work, at the Convention, on Thursday evening, Sept. 22nd, D. N. Workman, the German Baptist bishop, of this locality, gave one dollar. This was said to be the first dollar he ever gave to the College. He did not approve of building it in the way it was done, and although he is one of the wealthiest men of this community, he carefully avoided paying any money before this. Bishop Workman is a Progressive at heart, and we desire that the dollar might prove to be a precursor of a good and wise step. In the Brethren Church, he would be useful while he can do but little where he is.

It is gratifying to know that the Brethren church is not afraid to take strong grounds on the temperance question. There was no one that raised a voice against Prohibition when the resolutions relating to temperance were before the late convention. This was right. There is no longer any neutral ground on this subject. We must be for or against. But every body should be for.

The following sensible remarks we find in the Christian Standard: "It strikes us that the thing most needed to give a new impetus and the largest success to our home mission work, is an adequate Building Fund. It is idle to talk about the apostolic method, as if there were any fixed. stereotyped, unelastic, unchangeable, apostolic method of doing missionary or any other benevolent and philanthropic work—as if, like the gospel itself, mere methods of working are to be immutable and universal. One prominent characteristic feature of apostolic methods was their elasticity. They were adapted to the various circumstances and conditions which where met in various times and at various places."

We extend our well-wishes to Brother and Sister John Burnworth, of Morrill, Kansas, who have entered into the marriage relation together.

Work has been commenced on the report of the late convention, and it will be printed as soon as possible.

Bro. Ira D. Slotter, one of the office hands, is now visiting his mother at Columbiana, Ohio.

Sister S. Snader orders her paper sent to Sue Eicher, East Nine, Pa. This is the way subscribers should do when changes bring two papers to one place—send one to some one else.

The Evangelical Association elects its editor at its general conference every four years. At its late conference Rev. S. P. Spreng was chosen to fill that office. Their organ is the *Evangelical Messenger*, published at Cleveland, Ohio. The editor's salary is $1,400 per year.

We print the first monthly report of the Treasurer and Auditor of Ashland College, this week. We believe that this practice of printing monthly reports will be very satisfactory to those interested in the College.

The Brethren have not made any returns yet of work done since the convention.

Bro. Edward Mason left for the Miami Valley, last Friday to remain till Tuesday.

Eld. P. J. Brown, we are informed, will, or now is, making a tour in Pennsylvania.

Bro. E. L. Yoder spent a few days in Wayne county his old home, before returning to Falls City, Neb.

The second number of the *Evangelical Visitor*, the monthly recently, commenced by the "River Brethren," is on hand. We noticed it when it first made its appearance. One number contains as much reading as a number of the EVANGELIST, and the rate of subscription is a little over eight cents a number, while the EVANGELIST is a little less than three cents a number. It is printed on fine paper, and is a very creditable monthly in every respect. We welcome the new "Visitor" to our table and trust it may prove very valuable to our sister church in enhancing its work as a church. Henry Davidson, of White Pigeon, Michigan, is editor and publisher. One of his daughters, in time past, was a student at Ashland College, and she is assisting her father in the work of editing the paper. She is a lady of very modest character and pious habits, and no doubt she will prove a very valuable aid in this new work of these Brethren.

YOUR ACCOUNT.—We need money due us now and those who have accounts unsettled, or are in arrears on subscription are requested to favor us with a remittance of the same.

The *Messenger* issued a suppliment last week to boom the "Pan Handle of Texas," and the McPherson college, in Kansas. We are rather surprised to see our pious contemporary to venture out as an organ for speculators in real estate. Prof. Sharp is booming the McPherson college at a furious rate, and it will not be long until the German Baptists of Kansas will have an enormous elephant on their hands. Prof. Sharp is certainly a master in creating colleges.

At the council meeting of the Ashland City church, on Thursday of last week, Eld Henry Kilhefner and wife, of the German Baptist church joined the Brethren church.

Bro. J. C. Ewing is now sojourning at Benton, Ohio.

Bro. A. A. Cober will preach for the Farmersville congregation till the first of the year, and then he will move to Milford, Ind.

Bro. J. H. Swihart expects to serve the brethren at Waterloo, Iowa, until the first of the year.

The fall of the year is now here and our correspondents should favor us with original essays to make the paper entertaining.

Prattville, Mich.

We have just concluded an interesting series of meetings, conducted by Bro. J. H. Swihart. We live in an isolated place, and the people have never heard the Brethren preach very much, and I suppose they thought about as the ancient Athenians did when Bro. Paul preached to them: "He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange Gods." However, they gave good heed to the things that were spoken by Bro. Swihart, and four were willing to come upon the Gospel-alone platform and journey with us to the Heavenly Canaan. If Bro. Swihart could have stayed longer we are quite sure there would have been more accession.

One lady expressed a desire to come, but had a sick child and could not attend to it at present. Another would come if her husband would, and others said it was the Gospel, and that they never heard the Bible explained as well as Bro. Swihart explained it. While the meetings were in progress, we had a Love Feast at Father Keiser's, on Friday evening last. Bro. Brown and wife, Bro. Rittenhouse and wife and brother Ira Martin, were up from Ohio, and sister Gipe from the State line. The best of order prevailed and we had a time long to be remembered by those present.

May the Lord bless Bro. Swihart in his labor of love, and may he live long to work in the Master's vineyard.

A. B. FISH.

The Salutation.

"Salute one another with an holy kiss." Rom. 16: 16.

This salutation was customary in early Bible times as an expression of regard and kindred affection. (Gen. 27: 26, 27, and 29: 13, Ruth 1: 14). Sometimes the beard was kissed (2 Sam. 20: 9), and in token of humble affection, the feet (Luke 7: 38). And again we have the traitorous kiss of Joab to Amosa and of Judas to Christ, and the lewd and carnal kiss mentioned in (Prov. 7: 13).

These various salutations are all wanting in the spirit and design underlying the gospel salutation. The use of the salutation on the part of Christians is repeatedly required in the Gospel dispensation; and to answer the ends and object of the pledge, the motive must be pure, emanating from a principle of Christian and holy love. Love and peace are cardinal graces in the Christian religion; where these virtues are wanting, the incentives to a consistent use of the holy kiss are wanting. In the use of the "kiss of charity," Christians show among themselves and to the world the purpose of a holy life, and that they have laid aside all malice and guile and that their lips shall refrain from speaking evil one of another as brethren, that estrangements, detractions and whisperings may not once be named among them, thus showing practically the virtue of the religion of Christ. Again the salutation is a pledge of unity and oneness, the outward sign of an inward grace that unites and binds kindred hearts in the ties of Christian love and fellowship. The indiscriminate practice of Christian women saluting strangers and worldlings does not evidence a separate and peculiar people, on the contrary a compromise with worldly formality Come out from among them and be ye separate, says the apostle. "Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss."

Let the world have her meaningless forms to herself. A cordial shake of the hand is pledge enough of the friendship of this world. Christian love and affection is always the same in its nature, and the mode of expressing it, that which Christ and the apostles have given. Christians should recognize one another by the use of the salutation on all occasions. Such a course will keep them under restraint and remind them of their consecration. Let us therefore, beloved, having these precious pledges and promises, see to it that our lives and characters give unmistakable testimony to our practices.—S. E. G. in Evangelical Visitor.

Communion Notices.

The Lord willing, we will hold our communion at the Grove church 4 miles south-west of Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa., Oct. 15, 1887. We extend an invitation to all members.

J. D. GANS.

The Brethren composing the Beaverdam congregation intend holding a general communion Oct 20th, commencing at 5 o'clock in the evening, at the Burns M. E. chapel, two and a half miles north-west of Akron, Ind. We welcome all the Brethren and sisters to be with us. Those coming by rail will stop off at Akron. The writer will meet you there.

NOAH HEETER.

The brethren have decided to hold our lovefeast on October the 15th, 25miles south of Nickerson near Christopher, and extend a cordial invitation to all Brethren. Those coming by rail will please notify Elder J. W. Beer and he will meet you at the depot on or before the 14th and conveyance will be provided.

J. F. LEHMAN, Clerk.

Sunshine.

How beautiful and delightful it is to walk in sunshine, and we realize more of its beauty after being shut up in the house through damp or fog, but bad weather cannot shut out the divine influence of the Sun of Righteousness that can always illume and warm our souls with the bright rays of His everlasting love.

Dear comrades. do you bask in sunshine? When outward circumstances are dark and drear, when it is rough in the open air, when your friends oppose you and health fails, can you say "Thou art my sun and shield; in Thee will I trust and not fear?" Recollect, all trials are sent by our Heavenly Father, and are for our good; if we are His real children and take all our cares to Jesus we shall live in His glorious sunshine.—War Cry.

The Work of Intemperance.

Oh, if you could only hear this morning, Intemperance, with drunkards' bones, drumming on the head of the wine-cask the dead-march of immortal souls, methinks the very glance of a wine-cup would make you shudder, and the color of the liquor would make you think of the blood of the soul, and the foam on the top of the cup would remind you of the froth on the maniac's lips, and you would go home from this service and kneel down and pray God that rather than your children should become captives of this evil habit, you would like to carry them out some bright spring day to Greenwood, and put them away to the last sleep, until at the call of the south wind the flowers would come up all over the graves—sweet prophecies of the resurrection. God has a balm for such a wound; but what flower of comfort ever grew on the blasted hearth of a drunkard's sepulcher?—Dr. Talmage.

Improving Seed Wheat.

A promient seed firm in England is reported to be making "important experiments" in crossing varieties of wheat. This is done with a view to obtain kinds which shall be better suited to the particular conditions of soil and climate of various sections of England, than any varieties now grown. The most experienced wheat growers of this country have long been convinced that our varieties are better than our culture, and that our farmers need better preparation of the soil rather than new varieties of wheat. Every farmer can greatly improve the variety he is growing, by giving proper attention to his seed. Let him devote a patch or a part of a field to raising seed. This should have special fertilizing, and the seed should be in rows far enough apart to allow of cultivating between them. Thin the plants in the rows so as to give each one abundant room, and pull out all inferior and badly developed plants. Before harvesting go through and remove all that have short and poor ears. Thrash this wheat by itself, and in winnowing take pains to blow the light grains away from the heavier ones. By following this course for several years, allowing each plant to do its part, great improvement will result, and a valuable strain, if not variety, will be established.—American Agriculturist for October.

Prime Minister Depretis, of Italy, was buried without religious ceremony, the clergy having refused the rites of the Church because Signor Depretis died without receiving the last Sacraments.

Let us so use the moments of the life that is passing that they may win for us a life that will never end.

The Business Department of Mt. Union College, O., is the best. Write for rates.

Monthly Statement of the Treasurer of Ashland College, Oct. 1, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Sept.	1	Tuition,	8	00
		Barbara Snyder, (Note)	5	00
	2	Tuition,	9	20
	3	Holsinger, (Carleton, Neb.)	119	73
		Tuition,	4	00
	5	Z. E. Abbott (Note)	4	00
	6	Tuition, (Jamison),	8	00
	7	" E. J. Myers,	5	00
	13	" W. D. Stem,	6	40
	21	Daniel Sala,	87	64
		A, Krabill, (Note),	55	00
	22	Sevilla Lichty,	10	00
		Cyrus Murray,	27	85
	23	Wm. McDonald, Note,	50	00
		Henry Homan,	10	00
		Henry A. Wise,	10	00
		S. L. Buck,	10	00
		N. R. Gilbert,	5	00
		Sarah Keim,	10	00
		A. Beeghly,	65	00
		Dollar Donations,	95	00
		Tuition, L. W. McDonald,	7	20
		A. J. Sterling, self,	20	00
		A. J. Sterling, agent,	68	65
		Noah Heater | Note & Int, Z. Bowman,	6	25
		Wm. Byers,	68	00
		I. D. Bowman,	5	00
	26	Jacob W. Beer, Note,	6	99
		Annie Forney,	100	00
	27	W. C. Perry, Ev. Note,	20	00
	29	Dollar donation, A. C. Churc	2	00
	30	H. R. Holsinger,	81	15
		Total,	989	97

EXPENDITURES.

Sept.	1	Amount over paid to date,	1398	29
	3	Janitor,		50
	10	W. C. Perry,	50	00
	10	Adv. in Fair Daily,	4	00
		Janitor,	3	00
	14	Adv. in Insti. Record,	2	00
	17	" in Ash. Press,	5	00
	17	Janitor,	2	50
	20	Prof. W. W. Felger,	55	00
	23	John A. Miller, Note,	35	00
	24	Exchange,		20
	23	Interest on Dayton note,	65	00
	27	Exchange,		20
		W. C. Perry,	96	77
		W. C. Perry, Int,	20	00
	30	John Baron, Note,	100	00
			1837	46
		Less Receipts,	989	97
		Amt. overpaid,	847	49
		Total Expenditures,	439	17

H. K. Myers, Treas.

I hereby certify the above to be correct.

David Bailey, Auditor.